Indices of Orissa and Other States

3801. SHRI SURENDRALATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the present indices compare with the rest of Orissa and the State average;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to extend the Development Plan; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to include some more backward areas such as Padampur Block of Baragarh district and Phulbani district in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V RAJASEKHARAN): (a) In terms of certain socio-economic indices, the State of Orissa does compare unfavourably with many other States.

(b) and (c) At present, alongwith various on-going Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Special Central Assistance is also being allocated for the Special Plan for the eight erstwhile Kaiahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa and additionally to five more districts under the Backward Districts Initiative. In the current year, a Backward Regions Grant Fund will be implemented, the details of which are being finalized.

Restructuring of Delhi Transport Authorities

3802. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has asked the Delhi Transport Authorities to restructure their system to minimize the losses;

(b) the details of loss of the authority in 2004; and

(c) the action plan of the State Government to control the unabated loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the Transport Department of National Capital Territory of Delhi, 11 Transport Authorities are functioning in different zones of Delhi.

The registration of vehicles, issuance and renewal of licences are the main functions of these authorities. Since, these are the revenue generating authorities, question of losses of the unit does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Per Capita Consumption Expenditure

†3803. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monthly per capita consumption expen-diture in rural areas was Rs. 554 during the year 2003 whereas it has been assessed to be Rs. 1022/- in urban areas of the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the 50 per cent population living in rural and urban areas is not capable to spend the said amount; and

(d) if so, the amount of expenditure on monthly consumption of these 50 per cent people living in rural and urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the Results (Report No. 490 (59/1.0/1) of NSS 59th Round (January—December 2003) of Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, it has been observed that the Average Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure was Rs. 554/- in Rural areas and Rs. 1022/- in Urban areas.

(c) According to the above mentioned report it has been observed that 64.8% of Population in Rural areas and 65.5% of Population in Urban areas are not capable to spend the said amount.

(d) The Average Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure of the persons consuming less than the average in Rural areas is Rs. 379.86/-and the same for Urban areas is Rs. 628.56/-.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.